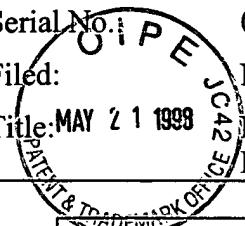


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three (3)-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 17, 1997, said period of response being extended from February 17, 1998 to May 17, 1998.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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